

26 May 1952

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MEMORANDUM FOR: EACH MEMBER OF THE LEGAL STAFF

SUBJECT : Overseas Duty

1. In view of recent Agency developments and the probable shift of emphasis to the field for administrative support of operations, I need to know the situation in this office with regard to the availability of members of the staff for foreign service. This has been discussed with most of you informally and orally, but I now have some specific advance planning to do.

2. Would you therefore give the following questions thoughtful consideration and submit your answers to me directly, in writing, by 29 May. This information is for planning purposes only and is not intended in any way to prejudice the position of any member of the staff.

a. Will you volunteer for foreign service and, if so, please state terms and conditions such as preferences as to locations, timing or other conditions.

b. Will you accept an overseas tour of duty if requested, and again are there any conditions which you would like to impose?

c. Would you feel it necessary to refuse overseas duty if specifically requested to accept it. I do not wish to know reasons. I am interested only in the availability, not the wherefores. Please feel free to make any comments you see fit.

3. I will add only that from my own experience, service as counsel to an overseas operational command is probably the best experience that can be obtained in this business. For any one expecting to make a career in the Agency, foreign duty should be demanded. Also it would be a comfortable tour for yourselves and your families, if any.

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cc to each member of the office

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